

PROCLAMATION

FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH **CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens and being a safe place for families to live, work and raise their families, and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from sexual, emotional and physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, over 32,600 reports of child abuse and neglect were reported in the State of Mississippi last year and over 450 children are currently “in care” of the Department of Human Services in Hancock County due to child abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS, CASA of Hancock County speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the Youth Court and Department Human Services Systems through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, governmental, community, businesses, and faith-based organizations should come together with individual citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect,

WE, the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 as “Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month” and urge all citizens of City of Diamondhead, Mississippi to participate in raising awareness and helping to prevent future child abuse and neglect.

Proclaimed by the Mayor and City Council on this the 7th day of April, 2015.



Mayor Thomas E. Schafer, IV